

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 619

PRINTER NO. 614

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

February 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Helm

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 619 provides for a freestanding act establishing June 19 as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in the Commonwealth.

The holiday commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in the state of Texas and more generally the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

The legislation provides that the act shall not be construed as requiring an employer to treat June 19 as a legal or official holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on June 19 solely by virtue of the holiday designation under the act.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 619 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.